

Dear Members of the City Council,

The following is a summary of recent activities over the past week:

### **Code Enforcement**

#### **3000 Block of Harbor Blvd (Businesses west side of Harbor):**

- Received report of transient couple constructing a shelter with televisions dumped at a charity box. Transients were blocking an employee's vehicle and leaning on the vehicle. Store employees frightened to go outside. **PD called and cleared the area, property owner disposed of televisions.**

**Area of 2000 Block of Harbor Blvd @ Hamilton:** Received a complaint from a property manager of a vacant property regarding neighboring property owner trespassing on the vacant property. Transient was also observed camping on the property. **Manager warned trespassers to stay off the property and will call PD if not resolved.**

**2900 Block of Bristol Ave:** CM Connect received regarding transient camps between businesses and freeway. **Met with Caltrans and CHP on 3/11/2016 to clear the area of trash/debris and trim the vegetation to enhance visibility from the street (See photos).**

**1700 Block of Adams (Business):** Met with business owners to investigate transient camping issue. **Observed one transient camping during A.M. patrol. Gave owner copy of suggested signage to install and will walk property to observe possible suggested deterrents.**

**3000 Block of Harbor (Costa Mesa Square):** Observed transient camp set up with male transient camping outside the trash enclosure. **Security patrol contact and made aware.**

**2200 Block of Harbor (Business):** Report received of transients camping in the trash enclosure of the neighboring business and foul odors of urine coming from the location. **Observed female transient coming from enclosure early A.M. Will speak to neighboring business to lock trash enclosure.**

### **Outreach**

**HOUSING LINKAGE:** Outreach was able to successfully link a homeless client with deposit and rental assistance through grant funds and collaboration with Mercy House. The client is currently working, yet he was living on the streets.

**HOUSING LINKAGE:** Outreach was also able to assist a former homeless family of four with deposit assistance for their new apartment through the assistance of Mercy House.

**HOUSING LINKAGE:** Outreach also completed an American Family Housing (AFH) assessment with a client and they were approved. Outreach will follow up with AFH regarding next steps.

**HOUSING LINKAGE:** Outreach is assisting a client who has a housing voucher with finding a placement. With the assistance of a local pastor, she was able to visit a potential placement and complete the paperwork. Outreach contacted Mercy House for assistance with her deposits.

**HOUSING LINKAGE:** Outreach also assisted another client that came in for an intake. He is a CM resident and had been homeless for 2 weeks. Outreach was able to place him in temporary housing.

**OUTREACH:** Outreach also assessed a senior client for housing and he qualified for Rapid Re-Housing, making him eligible for grant funds. The client came to Costa Mesa over 30 years ago and has been a high user of services.

**OUTREACH:** This week Outreach had 2 additional persons housing matched through the Permanent Supportive Housing project. To date, there are 16 clients housed and 13 that are in process of being housed through this program.

**EMPLOYMENT LINKAGE:** Outreach is glad to report that a client secured employment with a nearby hotel and is doing maintenance work.

**MEDICAL:** Outreach is continuing to provide assistance to a homeless client with severe medical problems. This week her mentor took her to 2 doctor appointments. Outreach has been diligent in talking with client and filling out forms for housing placements; as well as connecting with an Orange County Public Health Nurse to see if he knew of any housing placements.

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE LINKAGE:** Outreach linked a client to the Fullerton Salvation Army's substance abuse program, where she can stay up to a year.

**MENTAL HEALTH:** Outreach linked two clients to Mental Health Association (MHA) Day Center for intake and linkage to their services. Transportation for both clients was provided by an MHA outreach worker.

**MEDICAL LINKAGE:** Outreach has linked a client to In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) where she will be receiving assistance in caring for her mother.

**HOUSING LINKAGE:** Outreach has also linked a client to housing in the Palm Springs area as well as contacting Senior Placements to assist in finding housing based on her income.

**DOCUMENTATION:** Outreach assisted a client with completing and submitting the required documents needed to begin the process of moving into her Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) unit.

**MEETINGS:** Outreach had HIPAA meeting with outreach staff and Mercy House/City Outreach Case Management meeting at City Hall.

### **Network for Homeless Solutions**

Rick participated in countywide steering committee aimed at developing strategies for Orange County elected officials and municipal entities to adopt regional and sub-regional plans for more integrated approaches to solving homeless concerns.

While meeting with Starbuck's staff at 3030 Harbor, Rick and Starbuck's staff observed a young male transient subject attempting to pay with counterfeit currency. CMPD was notified and subject was arrested.